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## **EPA Region 5 Partners and Stewards**

Over the past 30 years, EPA Region 5 has worked in cooperation with the states, tribal nations and other federal agencies in our six state region to improve the quality of our water resources. Much progress has been made through our mission of working together to identify, solve, and prevent important water resource problems. This report is intended to provide information on the status of our waters and recognize some of our partners' efforts and successes for our five shared water goals. The results reflected in this report are the outcomes of the collaborative efforts of many key partners.

In addition, there are many other entities that carry out programs that contribute to improving the quality of water resources within the Region, including: county soil and water conservation districts, county health departments, multi-county planning commissions, universities and extension offices, state and federal agricultural agencies, industry, environmental groups, local watershed groups and interstate basin organizations.

Finally, EPA Region 5 recognizes the citizens that contribute to the accomplishments reflected here, both individually and through the collective outputs of many volunteer organizations, and who will continue to carry the banner of environmental stewardship into the future.

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